

LETTER

FROM THE

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

(In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 15th May, 1820)

A LIST OF

THE OFFICES OF THE CUSTOMS

WHICH MAY BE ABOLISHED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

DECEMBER, 13, 1820.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

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B.

Present Organization of the Army of the United States.

CORPS.	Major generals.	Brigadier generals.	Adjutant and inspector general.	Quartermaster general.	Adjutants general.	Inspectors general.	Assistant adjutants general.	Assistant inspectors general.	Deputy quartermasters general.	Assist. dep. quartermasters general.	Topographical engineers.	Assistant topographical engineers.	Paymaster general.	Judge advocates.	Surgeon general.	Post surgeons.	Apothecary general.	Assistant apothecaries.	Commissary general of purchases.	Deputy commissaries of purchases.	Assistant commissaries of issues.	Store keepers.	Commissary general of supplies.	Chaplains.	Colonels.	Lieutenant colonels.	Majors.	Paymasters.	Surgeons, regimental.	Surgeons' mates, regimental.	Captains.	First lieutenants.	Second lieutenants.	Third lieutenants.	Armorsers.	Sergeant majors.	Quartermasters sergeants.	Principal musicians.	Master mechanics.	Mechanics.	Artificers.	Laborers.	Sergeants.	Corporals.	Musicians.	Privates and matrosses.	Total commissioned.	Total, non-commissioned officers, musicians, privates, &c.	Aggregate.									
General staff	2	4	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	16	-	-	1	2	1	40	1	2	1	2	6	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	96	-	96								
Engineer department†	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	6	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	21	53							
Ordnance department	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*18	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	10	10	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	-	346									
Regiment of light artillery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46	765	811							
Corps of artillery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	8	-	-	32	64	64	-	8	-	32	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	765	811					
First regiment of infantry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822				
Second do do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822			
Third do do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822		
Fourth do do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822	
Fifth do do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822	
Sixth do do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822	
Seventh do do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822	
Eighth do do	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822
Regiment of riflemen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	785	822
TOTAL,	2	4	1	1	2	2	4	4	2	16	6	4	1	2	1	40	1	2	1	2	6	*18	1	1	12	16	18	18	10	19	148	180	190	10	18	10	42	21	*3	72	108	121	560	656	328	9,980	727	11,635	12,664									

* The officers, mechanics, artificers, and laborers, of the ordnance, with (*) prefixed, are unlimited by law, and the numbers now in service are assumed as the organization.

† The chief engineer, and senior officer of the corps, is allowed one assistant. The four sergeants, four corporals, four musicians, and eighty men, composing the company of bombardiers, sappers, and miners, attached to the engineers, are, by law, added to the peace establishment of 10,000 rank and file.

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE, December, 1820.

D. PARKER, Adjutant and Inspector General.

D.

The expenditure for the army, in 1818, - - - - -		\$3,748,445 01
The expenditure for the army in 1820, estimated not to exceed - - - - -	\$2,700,000 00	
Add 40 per cent. on \$537,976 00 (the appropriation for subsistence for 1820) being the estimated difference of the prices of provisions at the time of completing the contracts for the supply of the army in 1818 and 1820, - - - - -	215,190 40	
Add seven per cent. on \$342,145 (the amount of the appropriations for clothing, and for the medical and hospital departments, for 1820) being the estimated difference of the prices of the articles of those departments in 1818 and 1820, - - - - -	23,950 15	
Add (excess of recruits in 1818 over 1820) 1,137 men at 24 dollars per man, - - - - -	27,288 00	
	<u>2,966,428 55</u>	
Deduct (excess of the aggregate of the army in 1820 over 1818) 1,412 men at 195 dollars per man, - - - - -	275,340 00	
	<u>2,691,088 55</u>	
The amount that the army in 1818 would have cost, on the basis of the present expenditure, allowing, as above, for diminution of prices since that period, and the excess of recruits made in that year over 1820, and deducting for the excess of the number of men in the latter over the former, - - - - -		1,057,356 46
Deduct the estimated increased disbursements under regular heads of appropriation, on account of the Seminole war, - - - - -		<u>100,000 00</u>
Reduction in consequence of the improved organization, - - - - -		<u>957,356 46</u>

NOTES.—For other items of expenditure than those in the subsistence, purchasing, and medical and hospital departments, see the body of the report. In addition to the appropriation for the service of the militia, the Seminole war caused an increase of disbursements under some of the regular heads of appropriation, the exact amount of which cannot be ascertained without dissecting most of the accounts of the disbursements in that quarter, during its operation. The principal increase of disbursements was on account of subsistence. It is believed that the sum proposed to be deducted is ample.

The year 1818 is assumed instead of 1817, the year preceding the present organization of the staff of the army. It would have been desirable to have formed the table on the data to be furnished by that year, but, on examination, it was found, that some items of expenditure, growing out of the late war, were so blended with the current expenditure of that year, as to render the separation impossible, without great labor and much time. It is believed, however, that, could the current expenditure of 1817 be ascertained, the result would be not less favorable. It is proper to observe, that, although the act modifying the staff, as it is now organized, passed in April, 1818, it did not go into operation so as to produce any material effect on the disbursements until after the termination of that year.

The full effect of the present organization, it is believed, is not yet experienced; as it requires considerable time to carry into perfect operation a system which comprehends so great an extent of detail. As far as can be judged by the estimates for 1821, the disbursements of that year will show a still more favorable result than that of this year.

A TABLE containing, 1st, the Present Organization and Force of the Army; 2d, the Proposed Organization at its Minimum; 3d, the Proposed Organization raised to its Maximum, but without doubling the Battalions or augmenting the number of Officers; 4th, the Maximum to which it can be raised, in case of necessity, by doubling the Battalions and Officers of Infantry.

PRESENT ORGANIZATION.								PROPOSED ORGANIZATION AT ITS MINIMUM FORCE.				PROPOSED ORGANIZATION AT ITS MAXIMUM.				PROPOSED ORGANIZATION, (DOUBLING THE BATTALIONS AND AUGMENTING THE OFFICERS OF INFANTRY.)			
Artillery Officers.		Ordnance corps.	Light artillery, each company.	Light artillery regiment 10 comp.	Artillery company, 32.	Artillery battalion, 4.	Total artillery, 4 batt. 32 comp.	Total of the three Corps.	Each company of light artillery.	Each company of foot artillery.	Each regiment of artillery, of one company of light and 8 of foot.	Total, (including the ordnance department.)	Each company of light artillery.	Each company of artillery.	Each regiment of artillery, 1 company of horse and 8 of foot.	Total, including ordnance.	Observations on the Artillery.		
OFFICERS.	Colonels	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	The artillery cannot, like the infantry, have the number of its officers and companies augmented on a sudden. Its force, when its 45 companies are raised to their maximum, cannot, therefore, be augmented nor pass the number in the last table. The number of matrosses may be increased, if absolutely required, but, by recurring to the preceding table, it will be seen that the present 45 companies, at 100 men each, can serve 90 guns in the field and 1800 in forts and batteries.		
	Lieut. colonels	1	-	1	-	1	4	6	-	-	6	-	-	-	1	6			
	Majors	2	-	1	-	1	4	7	-	-	7	-	-	-	1	7			
	Captains	10	1	10	1	8	32	52	1	1	9	52	1	1	9	52			
	Lieutenants	10	1	10	2	16	64	84	2	2	18	90	2	2	18	90			
	2d lieutenants	10	2	20	2	16	64	94	2	2	18	90	2	2	18	90			
	3d lieutenants	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	Cadets	-	2	20	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	TOTAL,	44	6	63	5	42	168	275	5	5	47	247	5	5	47	247			247
PRIVATES.	Sergeant majors	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			It is impossible to anticipate what number may be required of these.
	Quartermas. serj.	-	-	1	1	8	32	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	Sergeants	-	4	40	5	40	160	200	3	3	27	135	4	4	36	180			
	Corporals	-	4	40	8	64	256	296	6	6	54	270	6	6	54	270			
	Artificers	-	8	80	-	-	-	80	-	-	-	-	6	6	54	270			
	Gunners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	18	162	810	18	18	162	810			
	Matrosses	-	58	580	100	800	3,200	3,780	36	36	324	1,620	60	60	540	2,700			
	Drums. trump.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	9	45	1	1	9	45			
	Musicians	-	-	22	-	22	128	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
	Armor. & workm.	-	-	1	-	1	4	5	-	-	4	20	-	-	4	20			
	Work of ordn.	426	-	-	-	-	-	426	-	-	-	75	-	-	-	-			
	Soldiers of train	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	50	-	-	-	-			
	TOTAL,	426	74	765	114	945	3,780	4,545*	4,971†	74	64	590	3,025	3,025	95	95	859	4,295	

INFANTRY AND RIFLEMEN.				INFANTRY AND RIFLEMEN.				INFANTRY AND RIFLEMEN.				INFANTRY AND RIFLEMEN.									
		Each company.	Each regiment.	Total.			Each company.	Each regiment.	Total.			Each company.	Each regiment.	Total.			Each company.	Each battalion.	Each regiment.	Total.	
OFFICERS.	Colonels	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	9	
	Lieutenant colonels	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	1	2	18	
	Majors	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	1	2	18	
	Captains	-	-	1	10	90	-	-	1	10	90	-	-	1	10	90	-	1	10	180	
	Lieutenants	-	-	1	10	90	-	-	1	10	90	-	-	1	10	90	-	1	10	180	
	Second lieutenants	-	-	1	10	90	-	-	1	10	90	-	-	1	10	90	-	1	10	180	
	TOTAL,	3	33	297	297		3	33	297	297		3	33	297	297		3	32	65	585	585
PRIVATES.	Sergeant majors	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Quartermaster sergeants	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Sergeants	-	-	4	40	360	-	-	4	40	360	-	-	4	40	360	-	4	40	720	
	Corporals	-	-	4	40	360	-	-	4	40	360	-	-	4	40	360	-	4	40	720	
	Privates	-	-	68	680	6,120	-	-	28	280	2,520	-	-	68	680	6,120	-	68	680	12,240	
	Drummers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	10	90	-	-	1	10	90	-	1	10	180	
	Musicians	-	-	22	198	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Armorers, drum majors and regimental workmen	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	4	36	-	-	-	4	36	-	-	-	5	45	
	TOTAL,	76	785	7,065	7,065		37	374	3,366	3,366		77	774	6,966	6,966		77	770	1,545	13,905	13,905

Privates, 12,036 Officers, 572 Privates, 6,391 Officers, 544 Privates, 11,261 Officers, 544 Privates, 18,200 Officers, 832

FRONT OF EACH BATTALION.

288 files on two ranks, besides 72 files of flank companies.

FRONT OF EACH BATTALION.

128 files on two ranks, besides 32 files of flank companies.

FRONT OF EACH BATTALION.

192 files on three ranks, besides 48 files of flank companies.

N. B. It is a received principle in tactics, that the force of a battalion should never pass 200 files, exclusive of its flank companies, who act separately.

572 officers, 12,036 privates, exclusive of the staff, engineers, and bombardiers.

544 officers, 6,391 privates, exclusive of staff and engineers.

544 officers, 11,261 privates, exclusive of staff, engineers, ordnance workmen, and troops of the artillery train.

832 officers, 18,200 privates, exclusive of staff, engineers, troops of the ordnance, and artillery train.

* Exclusive of ordnance. † With ordnance.

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in relation to a report of the House of Representatives of the 45th Congress

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THE OFFICES OF THE CUSTOMS

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

9th December, 1820.

SIR: In obedience to a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 15th of May, 1820, directing the Secretary of the Treasury "to report to the House, at the next session of Congress, such offices of the customs as may be properly suppressed on account of their inutility, or from any other cause," I have the honor to report a list of offices, which, it is believed, may be abolished without detriment to the public interest.

The information upon which this report is founded was submitted to the Senate of the United States, on the 2d day of December, 1818, with the list hereto annexed, in conformity with a resolution of that honorable House, and may be referred to in No. 27 of the reports of the second session of the fifteenth Congress.

In the collection of the revenue, persons are employed to weigh, measure, guage, and mark, all merchandise imported into the United States susceptible of these different operations, the fees for which are defined by law, and form a large item in the expenses of collection.

It is ascertained, that, for these services, there was paid, during the year 1819, the sum of \$116,426 71. It is also ascertained, that, in one of the principal ports, these services are performed exclusively by the inspectors, who receive three dollars a day, throughout the year, for their services as inspectors. The law, regulating the compensation of the inspectors of the customs, authorizes the allowance of three dollars a day, for the days that they are actually employed. But they cannot be considered as actually employed as inspectors every day in the year, when, during the same time, they are employed as weighers, measurers, guagers, and markers, and actually receive for such services about 2,400 dollars a year.

In several of the ports, the inspectors have voluntarily offered to perform, without compensation, such services. It is confidently believed, that the inspectors employed in the several districts of the United States, at this time, are entirely competent to discharge these duties, in addition to those now required of them. The abolition of the fees for weighing, measuring, guaging, and marking, will reduce the expenses of collection, at least 100,000 dollars a year; whilst the abolition of the offices presented in the list annexed to this report will not reduce it more than about 8,000 dollars. It is, therefore, respectfully submitted, that it is expedient to repeal so

much of the second section of the act "to establish the compensation of the officers employed in the collection of the duties on imports and tonnage, and for other purposes," passed March the 2d, 1799, and of all other acts which allow fees for weighing, measuring, gauging, and marking of merchandise or packages imported into the United States, and that those services be rendered by the inspectors of the customs.

I remain, with respect,

Your most obedient servant,

WM. H. CRAWFORD.

The Honorable JOHN W. TAYLOR,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

A LIST of the offices in the Customs, with the names of their officers; the salaries, emoluments, and places where held, which it may be proper to suppress and discharge, in consequence of their unproductiveness, the inconsiderable service rendered, or of any other cause; exhibited in obedience to a resolution of the Senate, of the 16th of April, 1818.

STATES.	DISTRICTS.	COLLECTORS.	SURVEYORS.	PLACES OF RESIDENCE.	SALARIES.	FEES.	COMMISSIONS.	AMOUNT.	
New Hampshire	White Mountains	E. H. Mahurin	-	Stewart's Town	\$ 500	-	-	500 00	District to be abolished. Port of Augusta to be abolished as a port of delivery.
Massachusetts	Bath	-	Isaac Carter	Augusta	-	-	-	-	
	Waldoborough	-	Not known	Hallowell	-	-	-	-	} Surveyors and inspectors at three dollars per diem. Office of surveyor in these ports to be abolished.
			Wm. M. Dawes	Thomaston	150	-	-	150 00	
			Samuel Thomas	Waldoborough	-	-	-	-	
			Job Gay	St. George	-	-	-	-	
			John Sproul, 3d	Bristol	-	-	-	-	
			William Hopkins	Nobleborough	-	-	-	-	
	Marblehead	-	Joshua Prentiss	Marblehead	100	108 31	-	208 31	
	Gloucester	-	Samuel Calder	Gloucester	-	-	-	-	
	Penobscot	-	Joseph Carr	Bangor	200	75 32	-	275 32	
	Newburyport	-	William Cross	Newburyport	250	430 45	-	680 45	
New York	Hudson	Reuben Moores	-	Hudson	150	116 90 ³ / ₄	3 per cent.	215 91	} This district to be abolished.
			Isaac Dayton	Ditto	150	72 29	-	222 29	
Maryland	New York	Deputy not known	-	Jersey City	1,000	-	-	1,000 00	} The office of deputy collector for the City of Jersey, established by law, to be abolished. These districts to be abolished, and the ports of entry to be made ports of delivery. The ports of Winton, Tombstone, Skewarky, Nixonton, Indian Town, New Biggin Creek, and Passquotank, to be discontinued as ports of delivery, and the offices of survey to be abolished.
	Oxford	John Willis	-	Oxford	200	-	-	-	
			Benjamin Wilmot	Easton	200	-	-	-	
	Chester	Joseph S. Gordon	-	Chester	250	44 05	3 per cent.	6 06	
	Vienna	John Ennalls	-	Vienna	200	250 60	3 per cent.	64 83	
	Snow Hill	Samuel P. Spence	-	Snow Hill	150	266 08	3 per cent.	68 07	
	Nottingham	Henry Boswell	-	Nottingham	200	-	3 per cent.	-	
			Charles Chilton	Town Creek	150	-	-	150 00	
	St. Marys	Athanasius Fenwick	-	Great Mills	250	41 45	3 per cent.	5 74	
			Robert Chelsey	St. Inigoes	-	-	-	-	
			Lewis Ford	Llewellynburg	150	5 25	-	155 25	
			Massey Sims	Nanjemoy	-	-	-	-	
Virginia	Havre de Grace	Hawes Goldsborough	-	Havre de Grace	250	32 15	3 per cent.	6 06	
	Hampton	David Brodie	-	Hampton	200	-	3 per cent.	-	
	York Town	James Nelson, jr.	-	York Town	200	80 10	3 per cent.	4 59	
			Eugene Sullivan	West Point	150	-	-	150 90	
	East River	James Spark	-	East River	200	35 00	3 per cent.	15 00	
			William White	-	200	20 00	-	220 00	
	Yeocomico	J. S. Tapscott	-	Yeocomico	250	39 20	3 per cent.	12 65	
	Dumfries	Wm. A. Linton	-	Dumfries	250	39 50	-	289 50	
	Folly Landing	Parker Barnes	-	Folly Landing	200	119 56	3 per cent.	233 38	
	Cherrystone	Nathaniel Holland	-	Cherrystone	200	88 75	3 per cent.	97 11	
	South Quay	Willis W. Parker	-	South Quay	250	22 50	3 per cent.	07	
North Carolina	Edenton	-	Peterson Gurley	Winton	150	28 00	-	178 00	
			John Nichols	Tombstone	150	-	-	150 00	
	Plymouth	-	Henry Hunter	Skewarky	150	25	-	150 25	
	Cambden	-	Samuel Matthews	Nixonton	150	4 50	-	154 50	
			Thomas C. Ferreebee	Indian Town	150	1 50	-	151 50	
			T. L. Shannonhouse	New Biggin Creek	150	10 00	-	160 00	
			David Richardson	Passquotank	150	4 50	-	154 50	